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MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR INTELLIGENCE COORDINATION

SUBJECT: Citation of OSO and OO Reports by Number


REFERENCE: Your Memorandum dated 28 February 1952

1. OSO dissents from the recommendation in the reference on the grounds that citation of SO reports by number in finished intelligence disseminated beyond the IAC agencies would seriously increase the likelihood of their reaching unauthorized persons.

2. OSO's position is not taken arbitrarily. It is essential, notably for the protection of sources, that access to SO reports be effectively limited to those entitled to know. Citation by number would weaken the effectiveness of control, not primarily because it would embarrass CIA to refuse official requests for SO reports (as suggested in paragraph 3 of the reference) but because the possession of specific report numbers would facilitate the efforts of unauthorized individuals to obtain reports through unofficial contacts with persons in the recipient agencies.

3. OSO desires its reports to be received by all who are entitled to them, and believes that this can be readily accomplished if the producing offices will record but not publish beyond the IAC the numbers of the SO reports used as sources.

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